

#### **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 29 with the following amended paragraph.

In an IMC system, determination of the ultimate machine conditions for use in a given machine using a specific mold, specific substrate material, and specific IMC composition is important. In setting up the IMC assembly, a number of variables must be interrelated to produce acceptable parts in a minimum amount of time. Pressure, times, and other settings of the injection machine vary with the configuration of the mold (i.e. the shape of the part being manufactured) and the polymeric materials being used for the substrate and the coating. To optimize these and other critical operating parameters of the process, a series of experiments with the mold and the specific polymeric materials need to be run.